

**ONTARIO CLEAN WATER AGENCY  
UPDATE  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2007 / UPGRADES**

**MONDAY MARCH 12, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.**

**HELD AT THE LATCHFORD TOWN OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

**Council:** Mayor Peter Davies, Councillor Larry Anderson, Councillor Mac Hamilton, Councillor Maxine Cannon Councillor Jim Bennett, Councillor Mike Cole

**Regrets:** Councillor Gordon Lomax,

**Staff:** Betty Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

**O.C.W.A.** Tony Janssen, Mike Del Monte

*Following is a summary of significant items of discussion:*

**1. Upgrades to the Water Treatment Plan:**

With respect to the upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant, the following points were covered:

- there are a few electrical issues to complete;
- to date the upgrades look good;
- water pressure is at 60 lbs. and there is substantial pumping capacity;
- fire pump is not commissioned yet, but there is adequate pressure without it, and Spec will be commissioning it soon;
- Mike Del Monte will check if it will automatically go on or be manually started;
- OCWA will check the hydrant pressure in the spring;
- If there is a power outage, the generator will start and no one should notice any loss of pressure;
- Resulting from the construction, there have been numerous call-outs for OCWA which should have been included as part of the contract. The additional cost to OCWA was \$3,700. Pedersen Construction and Earth Tech informed OCWA that they were not responsible, but the programming errors which caused the failures were caused by contractor error in most cases. OCWA is working with US Filter and this has alleviated the problem. Mike will send the invoices and backup with respect to the callouts and the Town will take this up with Pedersen's and Earth Tech. Note there is a holdback.
- 22 lights have been replace with six energy efficient lights which will save on power;
- Alarms is installed and ready to go, but not set at this time because there are still contractors coming and going and the alarm would be tripped;
- Contractor is supposed to advise OCWA when they have to enter the Plant, but did not always do this, and OCWA threatened to change locks on the doors.

**2. Capital Projects**

OCWA noted the following:

- Hydro is committed to installing a new Delta Y at their cost, which will have more pressure;
- The old diesel tank may have to be replaced with a double wall tank ( $\pm$  \$1,400) and Betty will request a quote from Mike. This new tank would have double capacity in case of a longer period with out power.

- Eaves troughs are required at the Water Treatment Plant and Betty will obtain quotes.
- OCWA will quote on a new sewage pump; noted they always have spares.
- The comminator requires rebuild and reinstallation. This unit has been broken and off line for sometime, and OCWA recommends it be repaired to keep the plant free of rags. The cost for a new one is approximately \$10,000, but may be able to repair. OCWA will obtain a quote from a supplier on behalf of the Town.
- OCWA recommended that the Town start looking for funding for repairs and refurbishment of the water distribution system valves and hydrants. A survey in the fall of 203 identified a number of potential problems. Council advised OCWA that included in the paving of streets under the COMRIF grant are the replacements of valves, and that Council will be placing funds in reserves for upcoming required improvements.
- A spare sewage pump for the sewage pump station should be purchased, which will ensure continuous operations when a pump goes out for repairs.

Council advised OCWA to obtain quotes for these capital repairs.

### **3. Miscellaneous**

- Noted that the hydro bill at the Water Treatment Plant is about \$28,000 per year
- Hydro outages must be more than a few minutes before generator starts;
- The Clerk will forward a letter to OCWA requesting items for prizes, etc. for the Centennial Celebrations in July.

Mayor Davies thanked Mr. Janssen and Mr. Del Monte for attending and providing the above information.